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1. A liaison station is maintained at Chennankuan (106-41, 22-04) by the Viet Minh and the Chinese Communist 4 Field Army (C-3). Chinese troops going to Indochina report to the station in small groups, and are guided across the border by Vietminh agents. The troops carry with them their regular arms, including rifles, pistols and light machine guns. Two ammunition supply units have also crossed the border.

2. On 23 June 1950 a group of 530 men left Lienchiang (110-16, 21-36) and proceeded along the coastal highway to Chennankuan.

3. During February 1950 LIN Piao sent about 6,700 armed troops across the Indochina border. These troops were former members of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi, Fukien-Kwangtung-Kiangsi, and Kwangtung-Kiangsi-Hunan Border Columns. They were to be returned to peaceful occupations after the conquest of South China, except for those reorganized into peace preservation corps or units of military sub-regions. However, the guerrillas were reluctant to obey these orders, so it was decided to send them to Indochina to join Ho Chi Minh's forces.*

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